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Dear Mr. Martinez:

This letter is in response to your email appealing the response you received from the Wichita Police Department regarding facial recognition software. Your request was looking for any communication regarding the implementation of such software. A similar request was made earlier this year and no such records were able to be provided, as the WPD does not use such technology.

However, should you want a search of documents conducted by the City's IT department, this can be done for email and other documents within the City's database. The minimum cost for such a search is \$48. If you would like such a search to be performed, you would need to pay in advance, as well as provide the names or positions of the accounts you want searched, the term or terms you want used in the conduct of the search, and a time frame for the search, such as the past 2 years, or since a particular date. A suggestion might be to search the accounts of all WPD personnel holding the rank of Captain and above, using the term "facial recognition" or "facial recognition software". Once the search is completed, we will know if any records exist in reference to your request. If there are such records, we will then let you know the cost of reviewing them to determine if they are public records, as well as the cost of providing the copies to you. Please keep in mind that accounts of WPD personnel who have retired or are no longer employed by the City may no longer be available to search.

Please be advised that WPD personnel may receive unsolicited emails for many things that are considered to be related to law enforcement. Such emails are not maintained as a record by the department and may be deleted as desired by each individual recipient. Also, records that constitute notes, preliminary drafts, research data in the process of analysis, unfunded grant proposals, memoranda, recommendations or other records in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are proposed are not subject to mandatory disclosure under the Kansas Open Records Act [See K.S.A. 45-221(a)(20)].

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If you wish to have a search of computerized documents conducted by our IT department, please provide information regarding whose files you want searched, the parameters of your search (time frame) and the terms you would like used in the search. We will then send an invoice and upon payment, the search can be conducted and we will notify you of the results.

I will look for your response in the next 7 business days.

Very truly yours,

Captain Travis Rakestraw,
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